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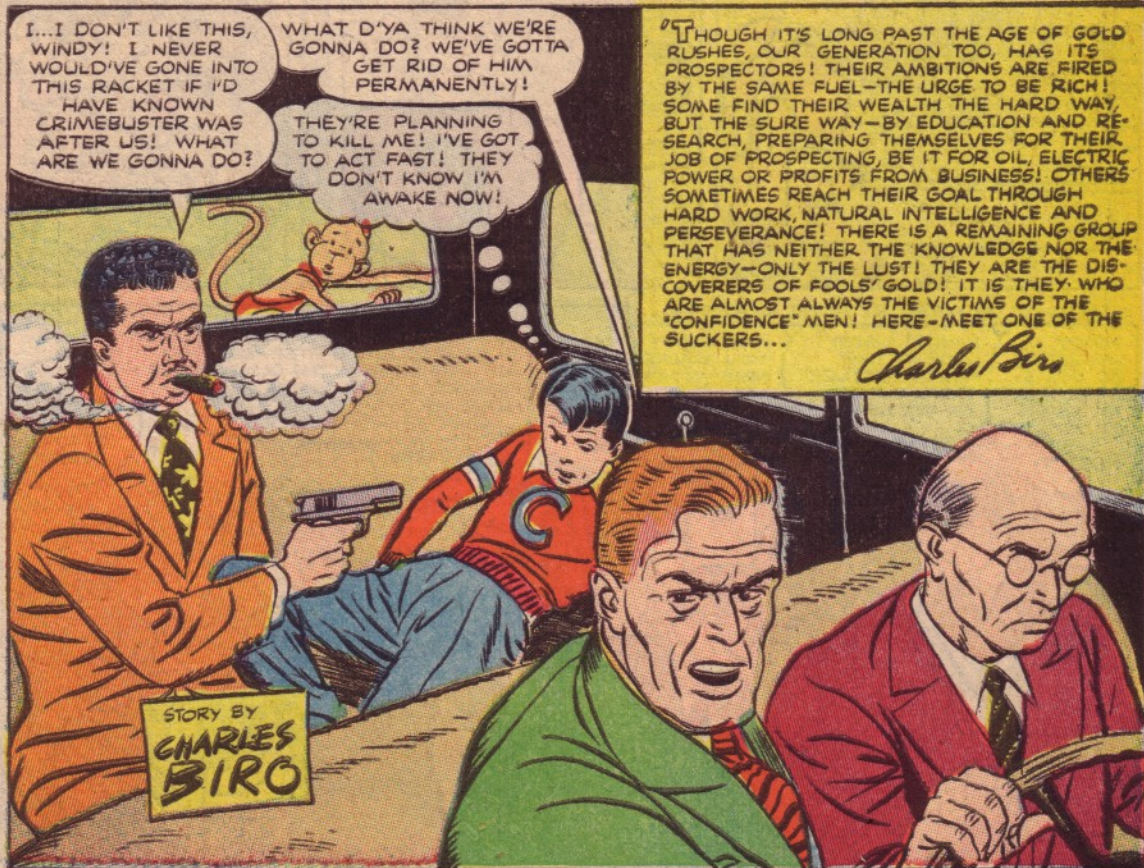
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CRIMEBUSTER

IN "THREE MEN ON A LIE"



I...I DON'T LIKE THIS, WINDY! I NEVER WOULD'VE GONE INTO THIS RACKET IF I'D HAVE KNOWN CRIMEBUSTER WAS AFTER US! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

WHAT D'YA THINK WE'RE GONNA DO? WE'VE GOTTA GET RID OF HIM PERMANENTLY!

THEY'RE PLANNING TO KILL ME! I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST! THEY DON'T KNOW I'M AWAKE NOW!

"THOUGH IT'S LONG PAST THE AGE OF GOLD RUSHES, OUR GENERATION TOO, HAS ITS PROSPECTORS! THEIR AMBITIONS ARE FIRED BY THE SAME FUEL—THE URGE TO BE RICH! SOME FIND THEIR WEALTH THE HARD WAY, BUT THE SURE WAY—BY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR THEIR JOB OF PROSPECTING, BE IT FOR OIL, ELECTRIC POWER OR PROFITS FROM BUSINESS! OTHERS SOMETIMES REACH THEIR GOAL THROUGH HARD WORK, NATURAL INTELLIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE! THERE IS A REMAINING GROUP THAT HAS NEITHER THE KNOWLEDGE NOR THE ENERGY—ONLY THE LUST! THEY ARE THE DISCOVERERS OF FOOLS' GOLD! IT IS THEY WHO ARE ALMOST ALWAYS THE VICTIMS OF THE "CONFIDENCE" MEN! HERE—MEET ONE OF THE SUCKERS...

Charles Biro

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO



HI, LOOVER, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE! WHAT'S UP?

THE OLD CONFIDENCE GAME, C.B.! THIS IS MR. BAINES! HE WAS TAKEN FOR \$3,500! BUT HE'S AFRAID TO IDENTIFY THE MEN FROM ROGUES' GALLERY PHOTOS!

THESE ARE CRIMINALS, MR. BAINES, WHO MIGHT BE ENDANGERING PEOPLES' LIVES BECAUSE SOME ONE LIKE YOU STANDS ON A LITTLE PRIDE! IT'S YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN TO HELP EXPOSE AND CAPTURE THEM!

THOSE ARE THE MEN! I'D RECOGNIZE THEM ANYWHERE!

HMM... BURDETTE, TIMMINS AND STROUD! I REMEMBER THEM! MUST'VE BEEN LYING LOW FOR A WHILE! BUT I THINK WE MUST HAVE A LEAD ON STROUD! HIS GIRL FRIEND IS A SALES-GIRL IN A DEPARTMENT STORE!

WELL, I...IT'S NOT THAT I'M AFRAID, BUT WELL...IF THIS EVER GETS OUT, I'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE TOWN!

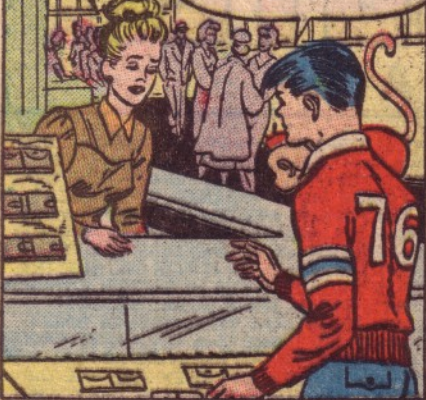
I...I GUESS SO, CRIMEBUSTER! ALL RIGHT...LET ME SEE THE CARDS! I DON'T WANT OTHERS TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF ME!

Roscoe
Al Burk
Winnie Str

SOME TIME LATER...

I DON'T KNOW, CRIMEBUSTERS... HONEST! I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS!

YOU'D BETTER BE TELLING THE TRUTH! IF YOU'RE PROTECTING HIM, YOU CAN BE HELD AS AN ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT! WHEN DID YOU SEE WINDY STROUD LAST?



ABOUT A WEEK AGO... I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU CATCH THE LOUSE! HE TOOK BACK THE FUR COAT HE GAVE ME! SAID HE NEEDED IT TO GET SOME MONEY! HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN OFF FOR FLORIDA!

WELL, AT LEAST THAT'S SOMETHING TO WORK ON!



HELLO, LOOVER! I'M AT THE AIRPORT... GOT A LEAD! ONE OF THE CLERKS REMEMBERS SELLING TICKETS TO FLORIDA TO OUR THREE CULPRITS LAST WEEK! THERE'S A PLANE LEAVING IN A FEW MINUTES AND I'M GOING TO BE ON IT! YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME SOON!



MEANWHILE, AT A RESORT HOTEL IN FLORIDA...

WINDY, WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING, FAST! I'M DOWN TA MY LAST THIRTY CENTS!

WINDY! WINDY! LOOK AT THIS PILE OF LETTUCE! THERE'S FIVE GRAND HERE!

WH...WHAT? WHY YOU WALKED OUTTA HERE AN HOUR AGO WITH OUR LAST TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS! WHAT'D YA DO... PULL A BANK JOB?



HA, HA, HA! NAH! BUMPED INTO AN OLD BUDDY FROM BACK IN STIR! HE USED TA BE A COUNTERFEITER - BIG TIME! BUT HE'S DOWN IN THE DUMPS NOW! HE'S GOT A MESS OF THIS STUFF... GAVE ME FIVE 6'S WORTH FER ONLY TWENTY BUCKS!

PHOOEY! STOW THAT STINKIN' WEED!



WHAT? WHY, YOU...

OUR LAST TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND YOU TOSS AWAY TWENTY OF IT! ARE YOU NUTS? THIS STUFF MEANS TWENTY YEARS IF WE'RE CAUGHT! IT'S A FEDERAL RAP! NOW TAKE IT AWAY AND BURN IT FAST!

OWW! BUT WINDY... OKAY, OKAY - IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!



HERE, I'M TRYIN' TA LINE UP A SUCKER TA CON AND YOU TRY BLOWIN' UP THE WHOLE WORKS BY PASSIN' BOGUS...HEY! HOLD IT! STOP! DON'T BURN THAT STUFF! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

WELL, MAKE UP YER MIND! FIRST YA SAY BURN IT-AND NOW...



NEVER MIND WHAT I SAID! MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A BAD INVESTMENT AFTER ALL! WE JUST GOTTA REMEMBER NOT TA TRY AN' PASS IT! BUT WE COULD USE THE STUFF FOR -SHOW - GET IT?

SURE...SURE! YA KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... "MONEY COMES TO MONEY!"



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN A NEARBY PARK...

BOY

HOLD IT, BOYS... I THINK I SEE OUR SUCKER! SMOKY, SHOVE ABOUT A HUNDRED CLAMS OF THAT QUEER INTO YOUR WALLET AND GIVE IT TA ME!

THE OLD "LOST WALLET" ROUTINE, EH, WINDY? HEH, HEH!



HEY, GET OUTTA THE WAY! I WANNA SEE TOO! HOW'S IT GOIN'?

RELAX, ROSCOE... HE JUST SAT DOWN! QUIT PUSHING... YA KNOW WE AIN'T SUPPOSED TA BE SEEN!



WHAT'S TAKIN' WINDY SO LONG? OUR PIGEON'S GONNA FLY AWAY!

SHUT UP! HE'S PLANTIN' THE WALLET NOW! LET'S FADE! WINDY'LL MEET US BACK AT THE HOTEL!



WELL, WHAT'S THIS? EXCUSE ME! I'M AFRAID YOU DROPPED YOUR WALLET! IT WAS LYING UNDER THE BENCH!

EH, WHY... THAT'S NOT MINE! MAYBE SOMEONE JUST DISCARDED IT! TAKE A LOOK INSIDE! MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF IDENTIFICATION!



HEY, THERE'S ABOUT \$100 IN HERE! AHH, LET'S SEE, ALBERT BURDETTE... AND THIS LOOKS LIKE THE NAME OF THE HOTEL HE'S STAYING AT! SAY, HAVE YOU THE TIME?

CERTAINLY! IT'S ALMOST ONE O'CLOCK!



OH, NO! I'LL HAVE TO RUSH-A BUSINESS LUNCHEON! LISTEN, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! YOU TAKE THE WALLET AND GIVE ME YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS! I'LL PHONE THIS FELLOW, BURDETTE AND TELL HIM HE CAN PICK UP HIS WALLET AT YOUR PLACE!

WHA...? OH, OF COURSE! MY NAME'S BROWNING... DAVID BROWNING! I'M AT THE SAXONY ARMS! GO AHEAD, DON'T MISS YOUR APPOINTMENT!



LEAVING BROWNING IN A SLIGHTLY CONFUSED STATE, WINDY MADE HIS WAY BACK TO "SMOKY" AL BURDETTE AND ROSCOE TIMMINS...

IT'S ALL SET, SMOKY! IN ABOUT AN HOUR, YOU BEAT IT OVER TO SAXONY ARMS AND CLAIM THE WALLET! DON'T FORGET TO TELL 'IM I CALLED YOU!

THE SAXONY, EH? BROTHER... OUR BABY MUST BE WELL-HEELLED TA BE STAYIN' THERE! DON'T YOU FORGET TA BUST IN ON TIME, THOUGH!



MR. BROWNING? MY NAME'S AL BURDETTE! A FELLOW NAMED STROUD CALLED ME AND SAID YOU'D FOUND MY WALLET!

OH, COME IN! LOOKS LIKE THERE WERE QUITE A FEW IMPORTANT CARDS IN IT! COME ON IN... HAVE A DRINK!



THIS IS MIGHTY KIND OF YOU, MR. BROWNING! IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT YOU'LL MEET A MAN HONEST ENOUGH TO RETURN A LOST WALLET!

THINK NOTHING OF IT! I'M AFRAID I DON'T RATE MUCH CREDIT! IT WAS REALLY STROUD WHO FOUND IT... BUT HE HAD TO DASH OFF TO A... SOMEONE AT THE DOOR! FUNNY, I'M NOT EXPECTING ANYONE! EXCUSE ME!



HI, THERE! FINISHED EARLY, SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP OVER AND SEE...

AHH, MR. STROUD! JUST IN TIME TO MEET MR. BURDETTE! HERE'S YOUR BENEFACTOR, MR. BURDETTE!

GOOD! I CAN'T EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE BOTH OF YOU ENOUGH!

HERE, I'LL MIX YOU A DRINK, TOO! SCOTCH AND SODA OKAY?

SCOTCH AND SODA'S FINE!

SURE WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION! MAYBE A REWARD?

AHH, FORGET IT, BURDETTE! WHY, ANYBODY'D DO THE SAME!

NO, I DISAGREE! WHY, I'LL BET THAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD KEEP THE MONEY AND TOSS AWAY THE REST!

HA, HA, YOU WON'T BET WITH ME! I'M NOT A BETTING MAN!

BROTHER, WHAT AN OPENING!

I WISH I HAD YOUR WILL POWER! I CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM THE TRACK!

THAT'S IT! I KNEW I'D FIND A WAY TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE! I HAVE AN 'IN' WITH SOME OF THE BOYS AT THE TRACK! THE ONLY WAY TO WIN IS TO BET ON A SURE THING!...MAY I USE YOUR PHONE, BROWNING?

WHY, SURE, BUT DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE CALLING A BOOKIE?

I HOPE NOT! YOU CAN'T TRUST THOSE FELLOWS!

I'D TRUST THIS FELLOW WITH MY LIFE! HE'S OKAY! HELLO, ROSCOE? BURDETTE! HAS THE SIXTH GONE OFF YET? NO?... GOOD! LET ME HAVE TEN BUCKS ACROSS THE BOARD ON MAC'S PRIDE! OH, YEAH...AND LISTEN! I'VE GOT TWO FRIENDS! PUT FIVE EACH ON THE NOSE TO WIN! OKAY? FINE!

OH... BUT I...

NOT A WORD NOW! I'M PUTTING UP FIVE BUCKS FOR EACH OF YOU! BELIEVE ME, I ONLY BET ON A SURE THING! THIS NAG'S A 16 TO 1 SHOT! THE RACE 'LL BE OVER IN FIVE MINUTES AND WE CAN CALL BACK!

OKAY, BURDETTE...IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY! HERE, I'LL MIX YOU ANOTHER DRINK! THIS MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE FUN!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...

HELLO, ROSCOE...BURDETTE AGAIN! HOW'D MAC'S PRIDE DO? WHAT? WON BY FOUR LENGTHS! WOW, THAT MEANS I CLEAN UP ABOUT \$250 OR \$260! THANKS!

JUST REMEMBER TO KEEP THE SUCKER FROM SEEN' THE PAPERS, SMOKY! DON'T WANT HIM TO FIND OUT THERE AIN'T NO NAG NAMED MAC'S PRIDE!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? WE WON, BROWNING... WE WON! HA, HA, HA! WHY, AT 16 TO 1! THAT'S EIGHTY BUCKS! WOW!

I...I'D NEVER BELIEVE IT! SAY, THIS IS GREAT FUN!

ROSCOE SAYS YOU CAN PICK UP THE MONEY AT THE DESK IN THE STAFFORD! BUT IF YOU THINK THIS IS SOMETHING, I'VE GOT THE WINNERS PICKED FOR TOMORROW THAT'LL MAKE A FORTUNE!



OHH, NO... THANKS, I ALWAYS QUIT WHEN I'M AHEAD!

AH, COME ON! EVEN IF WE LOSE THE EIGHTY BUCKS, WE'RE STILL EVEN! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET ME GO IT ALONE, ARE YOU?

SURE! WHY NOT? I'M TELLING YOU YOU CAN'T MISS! I ONLY BET ON A SURE THING!

LOOK... BEFORE TODAY NONE OF US KNEW EACH OTHER, RIGHT? I DO SO MUCH TRAVELING AROUND THAT IT'S VERY SELDOM I GET TO MEET A COUPLE OF REAL SQUARE JOES LIKE YOU TWO! WHY, I FEEL AS IF WE'RE OLD FRIENDS ALREADY! C'MON... WE'LL HOP OVER TO THE STAFFORD AND PICK UP OUR WINNINGS! THEN I WANT TO BUY YOU GUYS A COUPLE OF DRINKS!



YOU KNOW, I CAME DOWN HERE FOR A MONTH'S VACATION ALL ALONE! SURE WAS BORING TILL I RAN INTO YOU TWO!

SAME HERE! WHY, THINK OF IT... IF WE CAN PARLAY OUR WINNINGS ON THOSE TWO NAGS TOMORROW, WE'LL BE ON EASY STREET!



EXCUSE ME... MY NAME'S BURDETTE! I'M SUPPOSED TO PICK UP AN ENVELOPE LEFT FOR ME BY MR. TIMMINS!



EH? OH, YES! I HAVE IT RIGHT HERE!

HERE YOU ARE... EIGHTY BUCKS A PIECE! HOW ABOUT THOSE DRINKS?



HOPE BROWNING FOLLOWS SUIT! I DON'T WANT HIM SHOVELING THIS COUNTERFEIT CABBAGE AROUND!

SWELL! YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO? I'M GOING TO PUT THIS DOUGH ASIDE! IT'S LUCKY MONEY!

GOOD IDEA! I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS MYSELF, BUT IN THIS CASE... HA, HA!

YOU SAID YOU HAD AN "IN" WITH SOME OF THE BOYS AT THE TRACK! TELL ME, HOW DO THEY GO ABOUT FIXING A RACE?



OH, THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS! SOMETIMES THE TRAINER WILL GIVE THE HORSE A SHOT... OR ELSE THE JOCKEYS ARE IN ON IT AND HOLD BACK! PROBABLY SOME WAYS I'VE NEVER HEARD OF... WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT I GET THE TIP!



WELL, I'VE GOT TO RUN ALONG! I'LL TELL ROSCOE TO TAKE YOUR BETS TOMORROW! BET 'EM TO WIN ALL THE WAY! THEY'RE "DESPERADO" IN THE 3RD, "HIGHBALL" IN THE 5TH, AND "ROSY RITA" IN THE 6TH - GOT IT?

SURE, WE'LL REMEMBER! HOPE WE SEE YOU AGAIN, BURDETTE!

THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, AT BROWNING'S HOTEL SUITE...

I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES MYSELF, BROWNING! TWENTY BUCKS IS ENOUGH FOR ME! HOW MUCH D'YOU WANT TO BET ON DESPERADO?



WHY, THE WHOLE WORKS! EIGHTY BUCKS! AND FIND OUT WHAT THE ODDS ARE!

HELLO... ROSCOE? MR. BURDETTE TOLD US TO CALL YOU! MY NAME'S STROUD! YEAH, MR. BROWNING AND I WANT TO PLACE \$100 ON DESPERADO IN THE THIRD RACE! RIGHT! BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

LET'S SEE! OH, SHE'LL GO OFF AT ABOUT 17 TO 1!

WE WON! ZOWIE! LISTEN!..TELL HIM TO PUT IT ALL ON HIGHBALL!

HIGHBALL WON! AT 14-1! THAT MAKES \$14,000! WHAT A KILLING! GEE, I WONDER IF I OUGHT TO CHANGE PUTTING MY WHOLE SHARE ON ROSY RITA?

SURE! WHY NOT? I'M WAY OUT AHEAD OF YOU! AND I'M PUTTING EVERY CENT DOWN! WAKE UP, STROUD, THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE!

UHH, NO, I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE IT! I'LL LEAVE \$40 WITH YOUR \$160... THAT'LL MAKE AN EVEN GRAND! LISTEN, ROSCOE, PUT A THOUSAND ON HIGHBALL IN THE FIFTH!

I'VE CONNED LOTS OF GUYS BEFORE, BUT BROWNING TOPS 'EM ALL ON THE LIST! HE'S GOT THE BUG REAL BAD!

YEAH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! OKAY, IT'S ALL OR NOTHING! LET'S SEE... YOU'VE GOT \$13,440 SO FAR, AND I'VE GOT \$760! THAT'S \$14,200!

HELLO, ROSCOE! STROUD AGAIN! LISTEN, YOU'RE INTO US FOR \$14,220! PUT THE WHOLE THING ON ROSY RITA! IN THE 6TH! BY THE WAY, WHAT'RE THE ODDS?... 7 TO 1! FINE! CALL YOU BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE!

OKAY... IT'S DOWN! BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING WE SHOULD'VE QUIT, OR AT LEAST HELD BACK A LITTLE! THIS IS PRESSIN' OUR LUCK TOO FAR! SUPPOSE RITA DOESN'T WIN?

LETTING HIM THINK HE'S LEADING ME ON WAS A GOOD IDEA... IT'LL KEEP HIM FROM GETTING SUSPICIOUS!

YOU'RE A PESSIMIST, STROUD! IT CAN'T MISS- I FEEL IT!

THIS WAITING BETWEEN RACES MAKES ME NERVOUS! INSTEAD OF BETTING WITH A BOOKIE, I THINK I'D RATHER ENJOY GOING OUT TO THE TRACKS!

OH, NO... NOT WHEN YOU'RE BETTING A LOAD LIKE THIS! THAT CUTS DOWN THE ODDS! IF ROSY RITA COMES IN, WE'LL HAVE ALMOST 100 GRAND!

MOMENTS LATER...

WHA... SHE WON! HOLY JUMPIN'... WHEN CAN WE COME OVER AND PICK UP THE... WHAT? WH... WHAT'S THAT?

YAHOOO! A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!

HEY, BROWNING... HOLD IT DOWN! TH... THERE'S A CATCH TO IT! WE CAN'T COLLECT UNLESS... UNLESS WE...

UNLESS WE WHAT? HERE, LET ME SPEAK TO HIM!

IT'S LIKE THIS, MR. BROWNING! IT'S CUSTOMARY ON A SWEEP OF MORE THAN \$5,000 TO PUT UP AT LEAST A QUARTER OF THE AMOUNT YOU WON! IT'S A PROTECTION FOR US! AFTER ALL, WHAT PROOF HAVE I GOT THAT YOU HAD THE MONEY TO BET WITH ORIGINALLY? IT'S A STANDARD PROCEDURE! ASK ANY BOOKIE!... HUH... OH, TAKE YOUR TIME... TOMORROW'S FINE!



ALL I'VE GOT TO MY NAME IS FIVE THOUSAND... WE CAN'T COLLECT UNLESS WE CAN GET UP ANOTHER TWENTY GRAND!
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

WELL... NOT WITH ME, OF COURSE! I COULD WIRE MY BANK IN CHICAGO FOR THE MONEY BUT... WELL, THIS WHOLE THING SMELLS FISHY! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?



WELL... YES! OF COURSE I DON'T HAVE FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE, BUT I'VE HEARD IT'S CUSTOMARY!

THEN I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR AS LONG AS IT'S JUST PROOF! I'LL GET THE MONEY! I'LL HAVE MY BANK WIRE ME A DRAFT AND WE CAN CASH IT IN THE MORNING! HELLO... DESK? THIS IS BROWNING IN 620... GET ME THE LOCAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE, PLEASE...



THE FOLLOWING MORNING, STROUD ARRANGED TO MEET BROWNING IN THE LOBBY OF HIS HOTEL...

WELL, I'VE GOT MY \$5,000! DID YOUR BANK DRAFT ARRIVE?

YES, HERE IT IS! COME ON... WE'LL GO CASH IT! HEAD OVER TO THE STAFFORD AND PICK UP OUR MONEY! AND THEN WE'LL PAINT THE TOWN, EH?

HALF AN HOUR LATER, WITH THE \$20,000 IN BROWNING'S POCKET, CON-MAN WINDY STROUD ACCOMPANIED HIM INTO THE LOBBY OF THE STAFFORD HOTEL...



WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T MY TWO BUDDIES! I JUST PICKED UP MY WINNINGS FROM TIMMINS! HE TELLS ME YOU HIT HIM FOR 100 GRAND! NOT BAD! HOW ABOUT LETTING ME BUY YOU TWO A DRINK?

WELL, WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP OUR WINNINGS, BUT...

AHH, LET'S GO! I DON'T SUPPOSE TIMMINS IS GOING TO TAKE A RUN-OUT POWDER!



SAY, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! LET ME GO UP AND GET THE DOUGH WHILE YOU TWO WAIT!

SURE! HERE'S THE MONEY! STROUD! BE CAREFUL, HUH?

GO AHEAD! BROWNING, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME A DEAD HORSE WON A RACE! YA SEE, IT WAS ON THE COAST...



TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

THAT'S HILARIOUS! HEY, WHAT D'YOU SUPPOSE IS KEEPING STROUD? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

OH, HE PROBABLY MET A FEW OF THE BOYS, AND... SAY, I ALMOST FORGOT... I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT, AT 11:30 AND IT'S ALMOST THAT NOW! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

AND MANY MINUTES LATER...



TIMMINS?... I'M SORRY, SIR... YOU MUST HAVE THE WRONG HOTEL! WE HAVE NO ROSCOE TIMMINS RESIDING HERE!

WH... WHAT? BUT STROUD WENT UP TO... OH, NO... NO! YE GODS... CALL THE POLICE... HURRY! I'VE BEEN ROBBED OF \$20,000!



WHAT'S THAT? WE'RE HEADIN' BACK TO NEW YORK? BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PLANE RESERVATIONS?

WE'RE NOT GOIN' BY PLANE, SMOKY! WE'VE GOT BIG DOUGH NOW! WE'RE GONNA BUY US A CAR AND DRIVE BACK! ROSCOE, GRAB THE BOOK AND PICK US OUT A USED CAR DEALER!



HEY, WINDY... WHY SPEND GOOD DOUGH WHEN WE GOT THE PHONY CASH?

A CON-VERTIBLE, EH? WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS ONE? LATEST MODEL... IN PERFECT CONDITION... ONLY 900 MILES ON HER!

YOU SHNOOK... DON'T YA EVER LEARN! I TOLD YA IT'S A FEDERAL RAPI NOW STASH IT BEFORE I CLIP YA! WE'LL TAKE IT, MISTER! HOVV, MUCH?

THIRTY-TWO HUNDRED CLAMS! WOW! WHAT A BITE!

THERE, Y'ARE! TWENTY-NINE... THIRTY... THIRTY-ONE... THIRTY-TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS RIGHT!

IT'S WORTH IT, ROSCOE! PAY HIM OFF, SMOKY! OBOY, NEW YORK, HERE WE COME!

SAY, WHA...WHAT THE... SOME OF THESE BILLS ARE COUNTERFEIT...HEY, YOU GUYS! COME BACK!

THEY'RE GONE! I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!

USE!

MEANWHILE, AT MIAMI POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS...

THE DESCRIPTION YOU GAVE TALLIES WITH THE MEN I'M FOLLOWING! WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOUR MONEY BACK!

CRIMEBUSTER! A NEW LEAD! THEY JUST BOUGHT A USED CAR AND PAID FOR IT PARTLY IN COUNTERFEIT BILLS! THE DEALER SAYS HE OVERHEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT HEADING FOR NEW YORK!

I GUESS I DESERVE IT FOR BEING SO GULLIBLE!

THEY'VE GOT A HEADSTART, BUT I CAN BEAT THEM BACK TO NEW YORK IF THEY'RE DRIVING ALL THE WAY! WITH THE NEW YORK TRACKS OPENING NEXT WEEK, THEY'LL PROBABLY TRY HOOKING ANOTHER SUCKER! AND STROUD'S BOUND TO LOOK UP HIS GIRL FRIEND!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, BACK IN NEW YORK...

STROUD'S PRETTY GLIB-TONGUED AND MIGHT CON THE GIRL INTO NOT TURNING HIM IN! HE'S BOUND TO VISIT HER HERE... AND AS THE OFFICIAL STORE DETECTIVE, I FIGURED YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM! HERE'S HIS PICTURE...

ARE YOU KIDDING? IT'S A DEAD RINGER FOR THE GUY THAT JUST CAME IN THAT DOOR!

IF YOU THINK HE'LL GIVE YOU ANY TROUBLE, CRIMEBUSTER, I'LL...

I CAN HANDLE HIM AS LONG AS HE'S ALONE!

HOLD IT, STROUD! I DON'T THINK YOUR GIRL FRIEND'S INTERESTED IN SEEING YOU...BUT LOOVER IS! AND SO ARE A COUPLE OF GUYS NAMED BAINES AND BROWNING! WILL YOU COME QUIETLY, OR...

WHA...? WELL, IF IT AIN'T LITTLE BOY BLUE! SURE, I'LL COME QUIETLY, AND TA SHOW YOU WHAT A GOOD GUY I AM, I'LL DRIVE YOU DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS IN MY CAR! YOU CAN'T PIN A THING ON ME!

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TWO BUDDIES OF YOURS, SMOKEY BURDETTE AND ROSCOE TIMMINS? WHERE ARE... OOFF! UGHHH!

RIGHT HERE, CRIMEBUSTER! GET HIM, SMOKEY!

A PLEASURE, WINDY! HOP IN AND LET'S MOVE! IF SONNY BOY HERE, HAS BEEN TAILIN' US, THAT MEANS WE'RE HOT!

S...BUT WINDY...IF WE GOTTA LAY LOW, WHERE'S THE PERCENTAGE IN TAKIN' THIS PUNK WITH US!

YA'LL SEE! IT'S EITHER HIM OR US! I NEVER KILLED ANYBODY YET, BUT IN CRIMEBUSTER'S CASE, I'M WILLING TA MAKE AN EXCEPTION! WE'LL POLISH 'IM OFF AND TOSS 'IM INTO A DITCH SOMEWHERE!

SQUEEK!

HOLD IT, WINDY... KILLIN'S ONE THING I DON'T GO FOR!

I SUPPOSE A FEW YEARS IN THE CLINK APPEALS TO YA MORE! WELL, NOT ME... I'M THROUGH SERVING TIME! WE'RE KNOCKIN' HIM OFF!

S...BUT A MURDER RAP WINDY! THAT MEANS THE CHAIR IF...

THE CHAIR'S TOO LENIENT FOR RATS LIKE YOU!

YH!! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? ROSCOE! PULL THIS MONSTER OFF ME! UGH!!

I...I CAN'T, WINDY! I GOTTA KEEP MY HANDS ON THE WHEEL!

THEY'RE PLANNING TO KILL ME! HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE ON CATCHING THEM OFF GUARD!

WHAT TH...? HE...HE'S AWAKE! KEEP 'IM BUSY, SMOKY! MY ROD'S IN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT! I'LL...

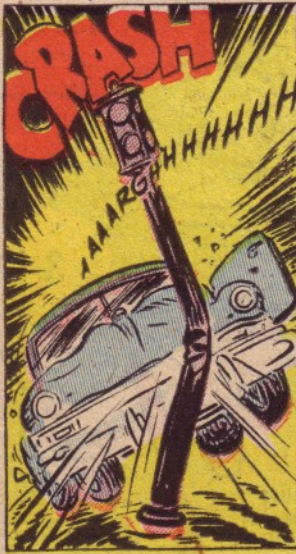
SQUEEKS! GOOD BOY! I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND AS SOON AS I FINISH WITH TOBACCO PLUSS HERE!



GOOD WORK, SQUEEKS! BUT GET OUT OF THE WAY! HE HAS A GUN!

...AND I KNOW HOW TO USE IT, TOO, YOU DIRTY...

EEEEYAH! WINDY...HE'S GOT ME NOW! GET 'IM OFF...GET 'IM OFF! ME! WE...WE'RE GONNA CRASH!



AHH, MY GUN! YOU'RE DONE FOR, CRIME-BUSTER!

ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS, WINDY! WHY DON'T YOU MAKE IT EASY FOR YOURSELF AND SURRENDER?

HEY, GET THAT OTHER GUY! HE'S WANTED BY THE POLICE!

IT'S CRIMEBUSTER!

LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND!



IT'S OKAY, CRIMEBUSTER! WE'VE GOT THIS ONE FOR YOU!

THANKS! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE IN THE BACK OF THE CAR! KEEP AN EYE ON HIM! HE MIGHT COME TO! GIVE UP, WINDY?

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS...

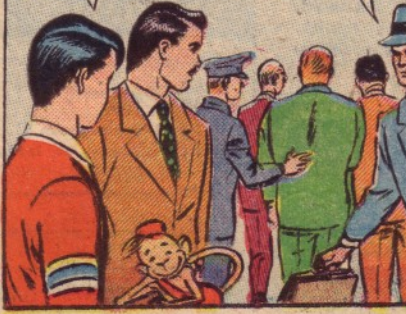
WE'VE RECOVERED THE STOLEN MONEY, LOOVER! HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU THINK THEY'LL GET!

ALL IN ALL, I'D SAY... HUH!

SORRY, BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FIRST CALL ON THEM! THEY'RE GUILTY OF PASSING CONTERFEIT MONEY- ENOUGH TO GET THEM TWENTY YEARS!

YA DUMB SAP! I TOLD YA NOT TA MONKEY WITH THAT PHONY DOUGH... IT'S A FEDERAL RAP!

BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! I GOT IT MIXED UP WITH THE REAL DOUGH WE SWIPED!



I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH, CRIMEBUSTER! I GOT MOST OF THE MONEY BACK! WHAT I LOST WAS WORTH 'THE LESSON I LEARNED!



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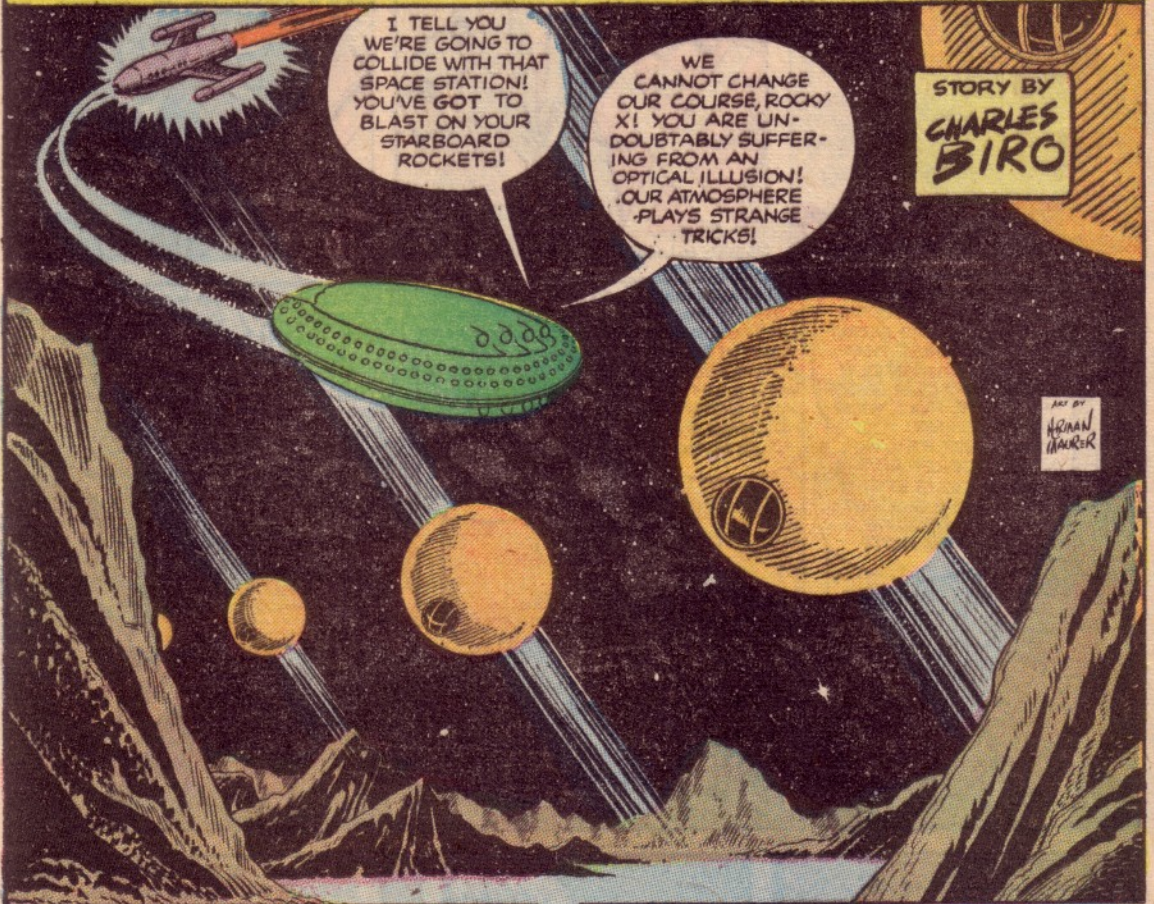
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED—OR MONEY BACK

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ROCKY X

OF THE ROCKETEERS

in "BETRAYAL IN SPACE"



I TELL YOU WE'RE GOING TO COLLIDE WITH THAT SPACE STATION! YOU'VE GOT TO BLAST ON YOUR STARBOARD ROCKETS!

WE CANNOT CHANGE OUR COURSE, ROCKY X! YOU ARE UNDOUBTABLY SUFFERING FROM AN OPTICAL ILLUSION! OUR ATMOSPHERE PLAYS STRANGE TRICKS!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO

ART BY
HERAN MANKER

THE LIFE-SUSTAINING PROPERTIES OF THE SUN ARE POSSESSED BY COUNTLESS OTHER BURNING SPHERES IN THE GALAXY OF THE MILKY WAY! IF THERE ARE AS MANY SUCH SUNS AS THERE ARE GRAINS OF SAND, IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT THERE ARE BILLIONS OF EARTH-LIKE PLANETS SURROUNDING THEM! SIMPLE DEDUCTION TELLS US THAT OF THOSE INFINITE NUMBERS THERE MUST BE AT LEAST A FEW, IF NOT MORE, ALMOST IDENTICAL TO OUR OWN EARTH, ITS AGE AND ITS CONDITIONS! THESE EARTH-LIKE PLANETS ARE THE ONES ROCKY X AND THE ROCKETEERS SEEK TO DISCOVER! THIS STORY BRINGS THEM ONE STEP CLOSER TO THEIR GOAL... AND ONE STEP CLOSER TO DOOM...

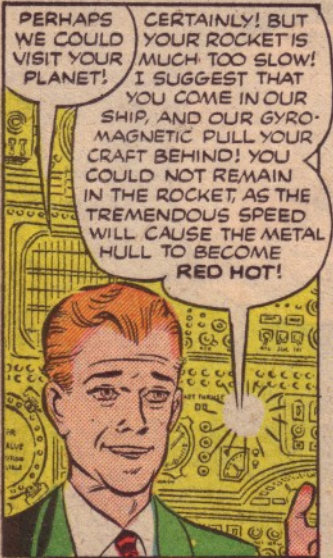
AS YOU VOUCH FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PLUTONIANS, I HAVE DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD TRY AND NEGOTIATE PEACE TERMS!

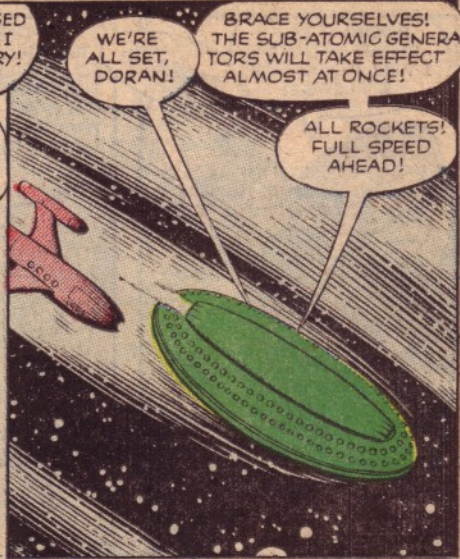
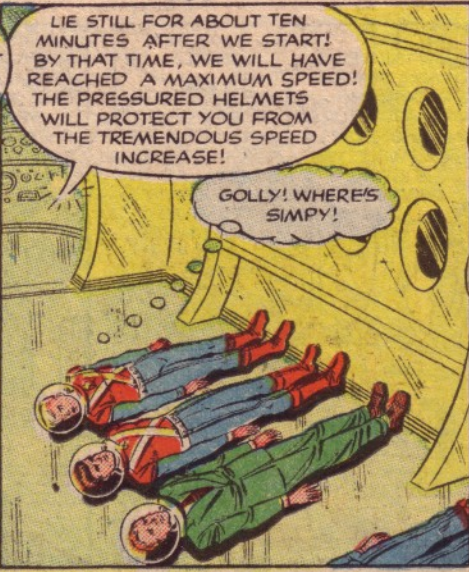
WHO KNOWS? WE MIGHT END UP TAKING A TRIP TO PLUTO!

SWELL! I'LL TELL THEM RIGHT AWAY!

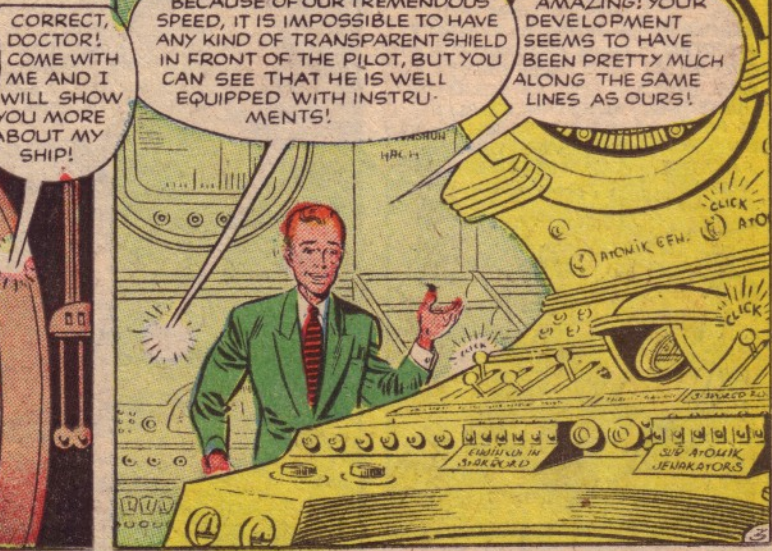
THEY'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO OUR HANDS, DORAN!

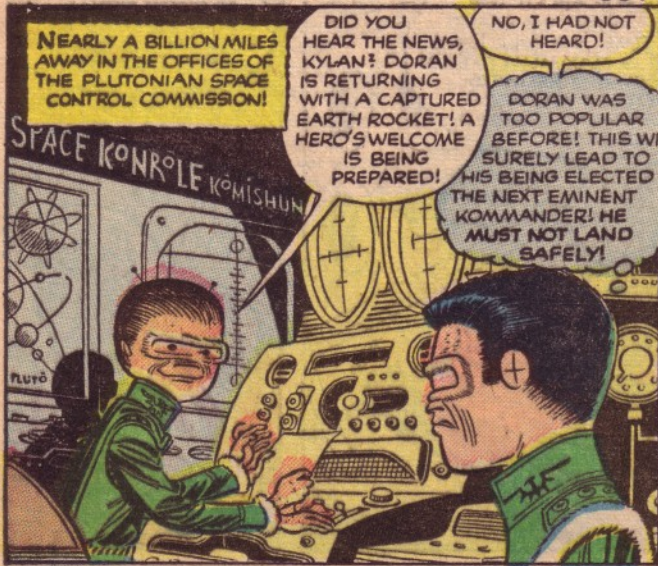






TEN MINUTES LATER...





NEARLY A BILLION MILES AWAY IN THE OFFICES OF THE PLUTONIAN SPACE CONTROL COMMISSION!

DID YOU HEAR THE NEWS, KYLAN? DORAN IS RETURNING WITH A CAPTURED EARTH ROCKET! A HERO'S WELCOME IS BEING PREPARED!

NO, I HAD NOT HEARD!

DORAN WAS TOO POPULAR BEFORE! THIS WILL SURELY LEAD TO HIS BEING ELECTED THE NEXT EMINENT KOMMANDER! HE MUST NOT LAND SAFELY!



IF DORAN'S SHIP WERE TO COLLIDE WITH ONE OF OUR SPACE STATIONS...

GUARD! STAND ASIDE!

NO ONE CAN ENTER WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE EMINENT KOMMANDER!



FOOL! IT IS KYLAN SPEAKING! I WILL GO WHERE I PLEASE!

AAAGGHH!



IT SHOULD BE AN EASY MATTER TO MANUEVER THE SPACE STATION SO IT WILL COLLIDE WITH DORAN'S SHIP! FIRST - I WILL DISENGAGE THE MAGNETIC REPELLOR UNIT, AND THEN PLOT A COURSE THAT WILL BRING THEM TOGETHER! THE EXPLOSION WILL BE MAGNIFICENT!



UNAWARE OF KYLAN'S PLOT, DORAN CONTINUES TO SPEAK WITH THE AMAZED EARTHMEN...

THERE MUST BE SOME PECULIAR PROBLEMS WE'LL FACE ON PLUTO, AREN'T THERE?

YES, BUT AS CAPTAIN RIKARD WILL TESTIFY, WE HAVE SOLVED THEM ALL! TO BEGIN WITH, THE AIR IS TOO THIN FOR YOU TO BREATHE, AND THIS LITTLE DEVICE WAS PERFECTED! IT WAS FIRST DEVELOPED AFTER MEN FROM OTHER PLANETS HAD DIED!



THIS NEEDLE IS INSERTED INTO YOUR ARM, AND LIVE OXYGEN IS FED DIRECTLY INTO THE BLOOD-STREAM!

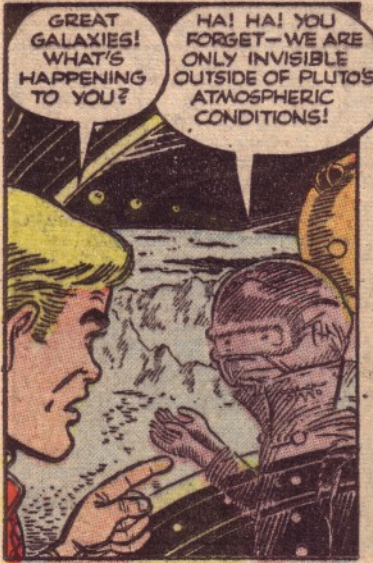
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE! PLUTO DOESN'T HAVE ANY WATER SUPPLY, AND THESE PEOPLE EAT A SORT OF SOLIDIFIED SUBSTANCE CALLED HYDROX WHICH SERVES THE SAME PURPOSE! YOU'LL GET USED TO IT!

WE ARE NEARING PLUTO, CAPTAIN DORAN!



ARE THOSE MOONS, DORAN?

NO, ROCKY X! THEY ARE SPACE STATIONS - SUPPLYING REGULAR REPORTS ON CONDITIONS ALL OVER OUR PLANET! COME, WE CAN SEE BETTER FROM THE OBSERVATION HATCH!



GREAT GALAXIES! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?

HA! HA! YOU FORGET—WE ARE ONLY INVISIBLE OUTSIDE OF PLUTO'S ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS!



ISN'T THERE ANY DANGER OF COLLISION WITH THESE SPACE STATIONS?

NO, WE ARE EQUIPPED TO MAGNETICALLY REPEL EACH OTHER!

I WILL HAVE TO LEAVE YOU NOW, TO PREPARE FOR THE APPROACH! REMAIN HERE IF YOU WISH!



HI, ROCKY! ARE WE GOING TO LAND ON THAT THING?

NO, SIMPY! WE'LL PASS IT TO PORT! IT'S A SPACE STATION! SIMILAR TO THE ONES THE AIR FORCE IS BUILDING!



ARE YOU SURE, ROCKY? IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE...

YOU'RE RIGHT, SIMPY! THE SPACE STATION JUST STARTED SPEEDING UP, AND IT'LL BE RIGHT ON OUR PATH! I'LL WARN THE PILOT!



WE'RE HEADING RIGHT FOR THE SPACE STATION! YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE COURSE!

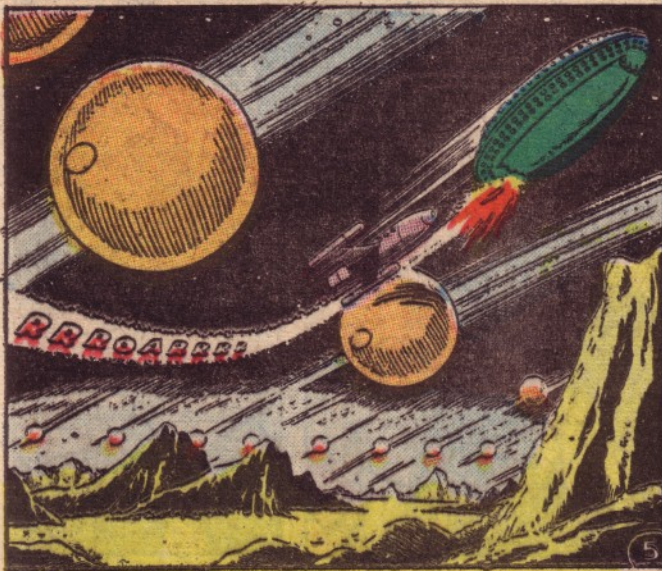
I AM SORRY, ROCKY X, BUT YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN! THE MAGNETIC REPELLOR UNITS WILL PREVENT A COLLISION! BESIDES, WE CANNOT...



YOU'RE WRONG! BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!

ROCKY— WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU MUST HAVE GONE MAD!



WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF THAT, ROCKY X? YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF OUR SHIP!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOT INTO YOU, ROCKY?

BUT WE WERE GOING TO COLLIDE! I SAW IT! WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?

IT CERTAINLY LOOKED LIKE WE WERE GOING TO HIT!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS! THEY CAN PLAY STRANGE TRICKS ON YOUR EYES! YOU HAVE DONE A SERIOUS THING, ROCKY X!

THAT WAS TOO CLOSE! ANOTHER FIVE SECONDS, AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS! WHAT HAPPENED?

DIDN'T YOU SEE? AT THE LAST SECOND, THE STATION SPEEDED DIRECTLY IN OUR PATH!

THEN... YOU WERE RIGHT, ROCKY! AND I THOUGHT... FORGIVE ME!

THAT'S OKAY! I CAN SEE WHY YOU THOUGHT I WAS NUTS!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE PLUTONIAN SPACEPORT...

LOOK! THAT STRANGE OBJECT MUST BE THE EARTH ROCKET! IS THIS NOT EXCITING, KYLAN?

YES... YES, OF COURSE!

I WILL NOT FAIL AGAIN! DORAN MUST DIE!

BOY - SMOOTH AS SILK!

YES, THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL IS QUITE LOW ON OUR PLANET! WE WILL BE ON THE GROUND IN A FEW SECONDS!

RRROARRRRR

FORTUNATELY, WE HAD SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF THESE OXYGEN ASSIMILATORS PREPARED IN CASE WE SHOULD CAPTURE SOME EARTHMEN!

I THINK WE'RE READY TO DISEMBARK, CAPTAIN DORAN!

HEY! WHAT ABOUT ME?

I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN! PERHAPS WE SHOULD RELEASE HIM, ROCKY X! IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN WHY HE IS BEING HELD PRISONER AS THIS IS A FRIENDLY VISIT!

OKAY, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!

WELCOME HOME, CAPTAIN DORAN! LET ME WARN YOU THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY BECOME A NATIONAL HERO!

IT IS TRUE... THEY ARE ALL AS PECULIAR AS THE EARTH-MAN RIKARD!

I MUST ACT QUICKLY! WHAT STRANGE CREATURES!

I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU! I HAVE LEARNED OF A PLOT AGAINST YOUR LIFE!

BYGORU! I WILL COME AT ONCE, KYLAN!

UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THAT GUY HAS A GUN UNDER HIS SHIRT! HE WAS LOOKING AT DORAN AS IF HE HATED HIM! MAYBE I'D BETTER TAG ALONG TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

TELL ME, KYLAN! WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS PLOT?

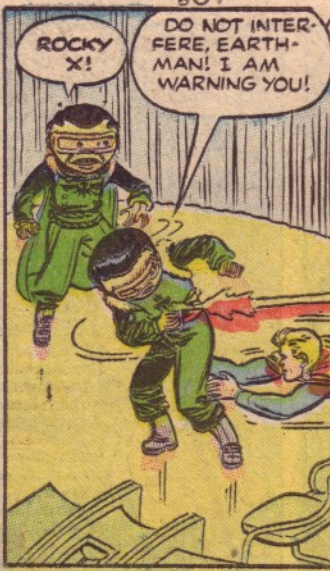
WE'D BETTER GO TO MY OFFICE! WE COULD BE OVERHEARD HERE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU HAVE BECOME TOO POWERFUL! DORAN, YOU MUST DIE!

I WAS RIGHT!



ROCKY X!

DO NOT INTERFERE, EARTH-MAN! I AM WARNING YOU!



I WILL BLAST YOU...

THIS IS KNOWN AS THE FLYING TACKLE, KYLAN! I'LL EXPLAIN THE GAME LATER!

GUARDS! COME AT ONCE!



AND THIS, IN CASE YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH BOXING, THIS IS A RIGHT CROSS!

ARREST KYLAN! HOLD HIM UNTIL I GIVE YOU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS!

ONCE AGAIN, ROCKY X, YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE! I AM DEEPLY IN YOUR DEBT!

I DIDN'T... UH... C'MON, LET'S GO! YOUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE WILL MISS THEIR GUEST OF HONOR!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

LISTEN, DORAN! WHAT ABOUT OUR DEAL? I WON'T TURN OVER THE ATOMIC INFORMATION UNTIL ROCKY AND THE OTHERS ARE LOCKED UP!

I HOPED YOU WOULD NOT ASK ME! YOUR EARTH-MEN HAVE BEEN MOST KIND! ROCKY X HAS TWICED SAVED MY LIFE! I CANNOT TURN AGAINST HIM!



I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING LOCKED UP, BUT I WILL DO NOTHING AGAINST MY NEW FRIENDS! MY MIND'S MADE UP!

OKAY, NO HARD FEELINGS, DORAN!

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! I'M THROUGH AS A ROCKETEER... I'VE GOTTA GET ONE OF THOSE FREAKS ON MY SIDE! KYLAN, THE GUY WHO TRIED TO KNOCK DORAN OFF! IT'S WORTH TRYING!



I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOUR PRISONER!

I AM SORRY! MY ORDERS ARE TO ADMIT NO ONE!



SORRY, PAL, BUT I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO ARGUE!

BUT YOU CANNOT... AAAOOOGGHH!



MY NAME IS ARNOLD, KYLAN! I HEARD THAT YOU TRIED TO KILL DORAN, AND FAILED! WITH MY HELP YOU COULD SUCCEED!

WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU, EARTHMAN?



YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE, PAL! FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THOUGH, I'M IN DUTCH WITH MY BOYS! I NEED YOUR HELP, YOU NEED MINE! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

YOUR SPEECH CONFUSES ME, BUT I THINK I UNDERSTAND! ALL RIGHT! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?



FIRST, I THINK WE'D BETTER GET OVER TO THE ROCKET AND PICK UP SOME ARTILLERY!

I MUST REPORT THIS TO DORAN AT ONCE!



CAPTAIN DORAN, KYLAN HAS ESCAPED! HE AND THE EARTHMAN, ARNOLD, ARE GOING TO THE EARTH ROCKET. TO GET GUNS!

GOOD LORD! IF THEY GET THOSE GUNS, WE'RE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE! C'MON, SIMPLY... LET'S GET OVER THERE!

I WILL SOUND THE EMERGENCY ALARM!



STAND ASIDE! I HAVE BEEN SENT TO STUDY THE EARTH ROCKET!

YES, MY CAPTAIN!



THOSE ATOMIC GUNS ARE INSTALLED IN THE ROCKET, BUT THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE ARMORY! SAY! THOSE WATER TANKS GIVE ME AN IDEA!

WATER? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! WHAT IS WATER?



WE DRINK IT, INSTEAD OF EATING THAT HYDROX! LISTEN, IF YOU GUYS NEVER HANDLED THE STUFF, I WONDER HOW IT WOULD AFFECT YOUR SKIN? YOUR BODIES AREN'T COMPOSED OF WATER, LIKE OURS!

DO NOT TRY IT ON ME!



DON'T WORRY, PAL! I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES ON LOSING YOU! I'LL GIVE THE GUARD A SHOT OF THE STUFF!

LOOK! LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING!

EEEEAAHHH



HORRIBLE! HE IS DISSOLVED!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME! YOU'D BETTER GET STARTED ON YOUR PLANS TO KILL DORAN!



TAKE THIS TANK! DORAN WON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO... UNTIL TOO LATE! I'M GONNA STORM THE ARSENAL! WE NEED GUNS! THERE ISN'T ENOUGH WATER TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE PLANET!

ALL RIGHT! I WILL CONTACT YOU LATER!



I MUST SEE DORAN AT ONCE! HE IS EXPECTING ME! IT IS A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!

YES, SIR! AT ONCE!



KYLAN!

SAY FAREWELL TO YOUR GODS, DORAN! YOU ARE ABOUT TO DIE!



I AM NOT FRIGHTENED BY YOU, KYLAN! YOU ARE EVIL, AND...

EEEA ...HHH!



HE'S GONE! DISSOLVED! YOU KNEW THAT WOULD HAPPEN! MURDERER!

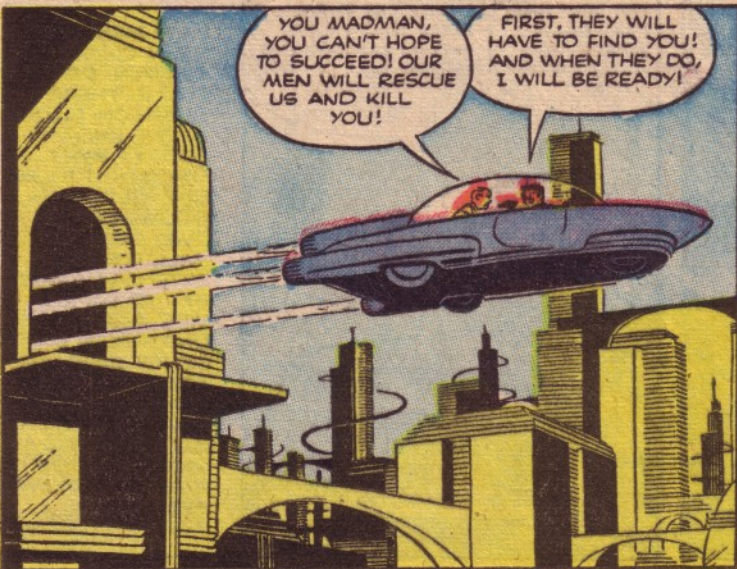
DO NOT BE CHILDISH! OF COURSE I KNEW! AND I WILL KILL YOU IF YOU DO NOT OBEY ME! QUICKLY, GET INTO THE PROTON-MOBILE! IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE!



EEAAGGH.. UUGGGHHH YONWWR

BUT FIRST, THERE MUST BE NO WITNESSES!

YOU FILTHY KILLER!



YOU MADMAN, YOU CAN'T HOPE TO SUCCEED! OUR MEN WILL RESCUE US AND KILL YOU!

FIRST, THEY WILL HAVE TO FIND YOU! AND WHEN THEY DO, I WILL BE READY!



MEANWHILE, ARNOLD ADVANCES ON THE ARSENAL...

GO ON AND SCREAM, YOU CRAZY-LOOKING FREAKS! I'LL KILL YOU ALL!

NO-NO

HHHIGGGH!! EEAAGGH
AAAHHHGGHH
EEEEAAAGG!

THEY MUST'VE BEEN HERE, ROCKY! BUT WHERE DID THEY GO? AND WHY DID THEY TAKE THE WATER TANKS?

I DON'T KNOW, SIMPLY! BUT I DON'T LIKE IT! HEY, LISTEN! THOSE SCREAMS! LET'S GO OVER THERE!

ROCKY! I THOUGHT KYLAN HAD TAKEN CARE OF YOU!

YOU THOUGHT WRONG, ARNOLD! BUT WE'RE TAKING CARE OF YOU!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW! I WILL BE KING!

YOU'RE A STUPID, ARROGANT FOOL! YOU CAN KILL THESE POOR DEVILS, BUT YOU KNOW THAT WATER DOESN'T AFFECT US!

YEAH, WELL, THIS GUN WILL... UGGHH!

I'D LIKE TO KILL HIM WITH MY BARE HANDS, BUT I'LL LEAVE THAT TO THE COURT MARTIAL!

YOUR LEADER HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE OUTLAW KYLAN! THEY HAVE TAKEN HIM TO KYLAN'S LABORATORY!

GOOD LORD! LIEBERT IN THE HANDS OF THAT DEMON! WHERE IS THE LABORATORY? WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HIM AT ONCE!

AH, YOUR EARTHMEN FRIENDS COME ALREADY! IT IS WELL THAT THE NEUTRON DISINTEGRATOR RAY MACHINE IS ALL READY TO WELCOME THEM!

MMFFFF

LABORATORY

I HATE TO TAKE YOU OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS, SIMPLY! BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT UNTIL NIGHT! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE PLANS TO DO WITH DR. LIEBERT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, ROCKY! I'M AS ANXIOUS TO RESCUE HIM AS YOU ARE!

IT'S TOO BAD THAT SUCH BRAVE MEN MUST DIE, IS IT NOT?

I WILL LET THEM OPEN THAT DOOR, AND WHEN THEY DO, THIS RAY WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING IN IT'S PATH!

The End

FEW MEN HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO CERTAIN DEATH, OR, IS THERE DEATH ON PLUTO AS WE KNOW IT TODAY? WAIT... 'THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE CERTAIN DOOM FOR THE TWO OF THEM, WILL ROCKY'S EXTENSIVE TRAINING TO IMPROVISE AGAINST UNFORSEEN EMERGENCY SAVE HIM? STICK WITH ROCKY X FOR THE MOST EXCITING REVELATIONS ABOUT LIFE IN BLAZING SPACE!

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GEE! A NEW BIKE!

WHERE'S SPIKE GET THAT STUFF?

LAST WEEK HE TOOK A NEW AIR RIFLE IN THAT CAVE-

GRAY SHADOW HAS GOT TO TRAIL HIM!

I'LL BUY 2 BOXES OF WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE, SPIKE! IT'S WONDERFUL... AND THESE ART PICTURES YOU GIVE ARE LOVELY!

THANKS, MRS. JONES! THAT MAKES 10 BOXES I'VE SOLD THIS MORNING- IT'S EASY!

UGH! PALE SQUAW GIVE-UM WAMPUM!

WE TRUST YOU!

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HIM STOP 4 WIGWAMS-SQUAWS GIVE-UM MUCH WAMPUM-

LOOK! A REAL WATCH TOO!

MAKE HIM TALK!

I CONFESS, KIDS- I GOT ALL THESE PREMIUMS JUST FOR SELLING WHITE CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE... NEXT WEEK I'M GETTING A CAMERA. IT'S A CINCH!

BOY! I'M SENDING IN THAT COUPON RIGHT AWAY!

ME TOO! I WANT A RADIO!

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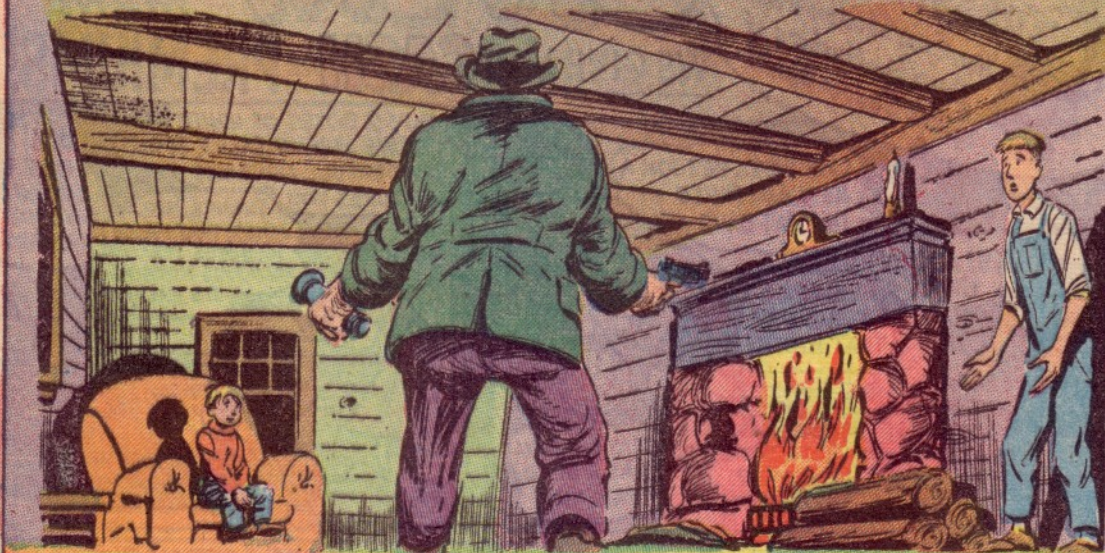
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Loot At The Lake



Before the first snowfall, that long Thanksgiving weekend, the Wise Guys decided to have one last sojourn in the country. Since the tourist season was over, cabin rentals were at a minimum, and Slugger located a cabin on a lake which they could rent for a song. The cabin was, theoretically closed for the season, but the owner, Mr. Grimes, was willing to make an extra dollar.

Piling into the station wagon, the four Wise Guys left their barn behind and drove far into the woods. The weather was crisp and cool but the sky was blue and clear. They found the cabin, set by itself in a cove on the lake, small but with sufficient room for their needs. They were particularly intrigued with the large, open, stone fireplace and even more intrigued when the sun set that first evening, and the chill of fall descended, and the fire began to throw out a warm glow.

While Scarecrow built a roaring fire, the four boys sat relaxed around the fireplace. Scarecrow hefted a large log and tossed it with a crash into the fireplace. As the log fell onto the andirons with a creak, a large stone fell from the fireplace and rolled onto the floor, just missing Scarecrow's foot.

"Take it easy, Scarecrow," cried Slugger. "Don't tear the house apart."

"Gee whiz, I'm sorry," apologized Scarecrow, "but that was an awfully heavy log."

Jock picked up the stone and put it back where it came from. It had been loose, and no apparent harm had been done.

"This is the life," sighed Slugger, forgetting the incident. "I'd be happy here all winter."

"Sure would be nice not to have to go to school," muttered Scarecrow.

After dinner, Curly suggested yawningly, "Let's go to bed. I'm tired."

The four Wise Guys fell into bed and before long they fell asleep, all but Jock. Jock

had suddenly remembered the stone that had fallen out of the fireplace when Scarecrow had thrown the log on the fire. Silently, he crept out of bed, reached for a flashlight and tiptoed into the living room. Walking over to the fireplace, he could still see by the glow of the embers and had no trouble locating the loose stone. Jock pried the stone loose, examined it, then shined the light of his flashlight into the gaping hole the stone had left. He felt inside the hole, then noticed that the stone next to it was also loose. He removed the stone, and once more examined the hole in the fireplace. Behind the second stone was a depression. He shined his light in, then quickly put his hand into the hole and realized that this was no accidental hiding place. Reaching into the depression behind the other stones in the fireplace, he found three canvas bags. He pulled them out, and examined them. As he untied the first bag and looked inside, he was overcome with what he saw. The bag was full of jewels, diamonds, emeralds, rubies, some set in rings and necklaces, others unset.

Jock rushed into the bedroom and woke the other Wise Guys. They all fell quickly out of bed and examined wide eyed Jock's startling discovery.

Finally Jock said, "Whoever hid those jewels will be coming back for them. What shall we do now?"

"Let's put the fireplace back together first," suggested Curly, "so no one will know we've discovered anything."

Following Curly's suggestion they put the stones back in the fireplace and soon, to all appearances the fireplace looked intact.

"This looks pretty serious to me," mused Jock, as he gazed at the three bags. "I know it's late and I know the nearest town is pretty far off, but I think we'd better head for town and turn these in to the local sheriff."

"That's all very fine," answered Slugger. "But, jeepers, we just got here. We don't want to cut our holiday short."

"Well," answered Jock, "why don't two of us go to town and the other two stay here?"

"I think you have a point," continued Curly. "After all, the thieves might show up here and we'd want someone here to trap them."

"If that's the case, I think I'll go to town with Jock," interposed Scarecrow.

"Well," continued Slugger, "I don't think any of us wants to get trapped by any crooks. What say we flip and see who goes and who stays?"

Slugger's suggestion appeared agreeable and after flipping, Curly and Jock were the ones to drive the long way to town with the jewels and Scarecrow and Slugger were to remain behind.

Slugger and Scarecrow felt forlorn and a little frightened when they saw the headlights of the station wagon disappear around the edge of the lake. Neither could go back to bed, and neither particularly wanted to sit up. Scarecrow tried to keep busy by throwing more logs on the fire, and Slugger kept examining the loose stones in the fireplace.

"Well, Scarecrow," whispered Slugger, "I guess we got left holding the bag."

"You're not kidding," answered Scarecrow, "but maybe it's just our imagination. Maybe those jewels aren't hot. Maybe they were hidden there years ago and forgotten."

"Malarky, you numbskull," answered Slugger. "If those jewels had been there very long, those canvas bags wouldn't look so new. I bet anything they've only been there for a few weeks."

"Aw, I was just trying to make us feel better," muttered the disgruntled Scarecrow.

There was nothing further they could say to each other to calm their nerves, so Slugger and Scarecrow sat side by side staring unhappily into Scarecrow's roaring fire. Suddenly, they were startled out of their silence by a loud knock at the door. Both boys jumped to their feet, stood staring at each other.

When Slugger finally recovered his voice he stammered, "WWWWWho's there?"

A slow drawl answered Slugger's query, "It's Clem. I'm the watchman."

Slugger and Scarecrow looked at each other in relief, sighed, then Scarecrow said, "Oh, just a minute. I'll let you in."

Scarecrow went to the door to discover a man of about fifty with several day's growth of beard. The man had a gun and a flashlight all of which Scarecrow and Slugger accepted as necessary equipment for a watchman. Clem walked in, gazing to left and right and taking in both boys.

"Well, boys," said Clem in his slow drawl. "This cabin is closed for the season. What are you doing here?"

"Mr. Grimes rented it to us," explained Scarecrow. "Didn't he tell you we'd be here?"

"No, I didn't hear anything about it," answered Clem. "If I'm supposed to watch this place it seems to me I should be informed about who's going to occupy it. How do I know you're on the level?"

"Just take our word for it, Clem, honest!"

said Slugger apologetically. Slugger then heard Scarecrow gasp. Slugger swung around to watch Scarecrow who was intently watching Clem. Clem's eyes were examining the fireplace, staring fixedly at the place where the stone was loose. And, Slugger noticed, Clem had never dropped his gun. Slugger felt compelled to regain composure and bide time until Jock and Curly returned. Somehow he wondered if Clem was on the level. Finally he said, "Won't you sit down, Clem?"

Scarecrow quickly picked up the idea and continued, "Yes, sit down. It's nice and warm here and you must have come a long way. Can I get you some coffee or something?"

Feeling impelled to keep on talking, Slugger continued, "Maybe you can tell us something about the history of the lake, Clem. This is the first time we've ever been here."

Clem didn't seem very responsive, sank into a chair as if wondering what his next move should be.

Just at that moment Slugger heard the station wagon in the distance. Clem jumped to his feet and asked, "What's that? This place is supposed to be closed at this time of year."

"Oh, it's just a car in the distance," answered Scarecrow unconcernedly. But Clem seemed anxious to get away, walked toward the door talking rapidly as he went. "All right, boys. I'll take your word for it tonight. But I plan to get in touch with Grimes tomorrow, and really see if you're on the level."

Clem was inching closer and closer to the door, and just as his hand reached the knob, the station wagon drove up behind the cabin. Jock had turned the spotlight on the cabin and Clem was momentarily blinded in his attempted departure. Out of the station wagon jumped Jock, Curly and the local sheriff.

"Drop that gun!" yelled the sheriff. "You're covered."

The startled Clem dropped his gun and stood in the full light of the spot. Before he could make a move, the sheriff had him handcuffed and was leading him back into the cabin. The sheriff paused for a moment by the warm fire, his gun in Clem's back while Clem stood looking like a frightened rabbit.

"Well, boys," said the sheriff, "thanks to you I have right here 'Hot Ice' Jones, the biggest jewel thief in the country. If I may borrow your station wagon I'll just haul him in right now."

After the sheriff had left with 'Hot Ice', Jock explained to the startled Scarecrow and Slugger that the sheriff had immediately identified the jewels as those lifted by 'Hot Ice'. 'Hot Ice' had obviously been using the cabin as a hiding place, and the sheriff was sure he'd return as soon as he knew someone was in the cabin.

"Well," sighed Slugger, "this is going to be a real Thanksgiving holiday. Scarecrow and I are just so thankful to be here alive, after having been so hospitable to 'Hot Ice' Jones."

THE END

CRIMEBUSTER

IN "I WON'T BE CAUGHT"



STOP, JACK! STOP! WE'LL BE KILLED!

IT'S A ROADBLOCK! WE'VE GOTTA TAKE THE CHANCE, SUE! I'M NOT STANDING TRIAL FOR MURDER!

STORY BY
CHARLES BIRO

IN SOME ANCIENT AFRICAN TRIBES, EVERY YOUTH, BEFORE REACHING MANHOOD, WAS SUBJECTED TO A SMALL TASTE OF THE PUNISHMENT METED TO CRIMINALS! PERHAPS IT WAS CRUEL, SINCE, AFTER ALL, THE POOR YOUNGSTERS ONLY GUILT WAS BEING YOUNG! BUT AMONG THOSE PRIMITIVE PEOPLE, IT SERVED A PURPOSE! THE SUFFERING THE YOUTH ENDURED STAYED WITH THEM! IT WAS FOREVER A WARNING, DETERRING HIM FROM REAL CRIMINAL INCLINATION! HOWEVER, IN OUR ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, WE DO NOT NEED SUCH INHUMAN TRAINING, BUT IF THE PAINS OF IMPRISONMENT WERE MORE VIVIDLY DRAMATIZED, MANY FUTURE WRONG-DOERS MIGHT BE DETOURED! PERHAPS THAT ANCIENT AFRICAN PRACTICE MIGHT HAVE STOPPED JACK FROM TAKING HIS FOOLISH STEP!

Charles Biro



I'M FED UP WITH THIS PLACE, HONEY—EVEN IF IT DOES BELONG TO MY FATHER!

IF WE ONLY HAD SOME DOUGH! I'M GONNA GET SOME—I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT I'M TAKIN' YOU OUT OF HERE SOON!



I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D START LOAFING AS SOON AS I TURNED MY BACK! GET TO WORK, JACK!

OKAY... OKAY... DON'T BLOW YOUR STACK!



WHY DON'T YOU QUIT PICKIN' ON JACK, PA?

HE'D NEVER DO ANY WORK, IF I DIDN'T KEEP AFTER HIM! WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THAT BOY, SUE? HE'S NO GOOD! HE'S LAZY!

LATER...

HI, SUE! SAY I'VE JUST FIGURED OUT HOW MANY TIMES I'VE ASKED YOU FOR A DATE! I CALL THREE TIMES A WEEK, AND IN A YEAR AND A HALF THAT MAKES A HUNDRED FIFTY TIMES! HOW ABOUT TONIGHT?

I GUESS THAT 150 TIMES I'VE REFUSED YOU, MIKE, BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE IT 151!

YOUR CUSTOMERS MUST LIKE MUSIC! THERE'S OVER THIRTY DOLLARS IN THE JUKEBOX TODAY!

GOLLY, YOU MUST COLLECT A LOT OF MONEY IN ONE DAY! HOW MANY CALLS DO YOU MAKE, ANYWAY?

ABOUT 75 A DAY, AND MOST OF THE PLACES ARE A LOT BIGGER THAN THIS ONE! SOME-TIMES I COLLECT AS MUCH AS \$4,000! YOU SEE, YOU OUGHT TO CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT ME!

MAYBE I WILL-SOME DAY!

WHAT IS IT, JACK?

LISTEN, BABY! THIS IS OUR CHANCE! NEXT TIME HE ASKS, YOU MAKE A DATE WITH HIM! HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO...

THREE DAYS LATER...

YOU MEAN YOU WILL GO OUT WITH ME?

A GIRL CAN CHANGE HER MIND, CAN'T SHE, MIKE? WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THIS YOUR LAST CALL SATURDAY, AND WE'LL LEAVE FROM HERE!

A SUCKER BORN EVERY MINUTE!

OKAY, SUE! I'LL BE HERE ABOUT SIX THIRTY!

I'LL BE READY, MIKE!

SATURDAY NIGHT...

YOU WON'T HURT HIM, WILL YOU, JACK?

NAW, JUST A LITTLE TAP! I'LL WAIT TILL WE'VE DRIVEN ABOUT A MILE, SO HE'LL NEVER KNOW WHO DID IT! BE SURE YOU KEEP HIM BUSY TILL I'M READY!

GEE, MIKE, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS BUT I'VE GOT TO BREAK OUR DATE! POP'S SICK, AND I HAVE TO STAY HERE! DO YOU WANT TO STAY AROUND A WHILE? HAVE A BEER, MAYBE?

OH...I'M SORRY - ABOUT YOUR FATHER, I MEAN!

IT'S ABOUT TIME! I THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA STAY THERE ALL NIGHT!

I'M GETTIN' CLOSER, I GUESS! MAYBE NEXT TIME, HUH, SUE?

SURE, MIKE! MAYBE NEXT TIME!



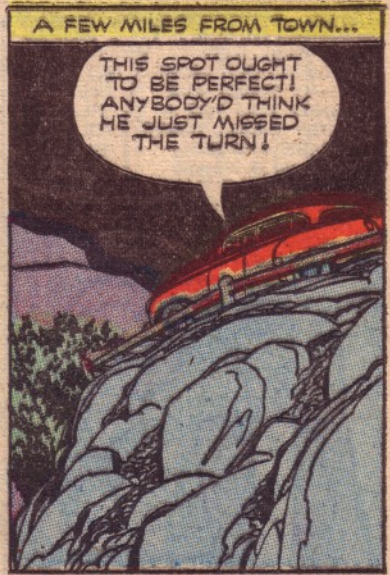
THAT'S FUNNY! I'D HAVE SWORN I LEFT MY COAT ON THE SEAT!

OH, OH! HE'S GONNA FIND ME! I'D BETTER...



JACK! WHAT ARE YOU...THE DOUGH! THAT'S IT! YOU WON'T... UGHHH...

THAT'S RIGHT, PAL, THE DOUGH! TOO BAD YOU SPOTTED ME! TOO BAD FOR YOU!



A FEW MILES FROM TOWN...

THIS SPOT OUGHT TO BE PERFECT! ANYBODY'D THINK HE JUST MISSED THE TURN!



TOO BAD YOU GOT CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR RAINCOAT, MIKE! YOU WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN!



AN HOUR LATER...

EVERYTHING'S OKAY, HONEY! MIKE WILL NEVER KNOW WHO DID IT! WE'D BETTER LAY LOW FOR A WHILE, THOUGH! WHERE CAN WE HIDE THE MONEY?

A LOOSE PLANK UNDER POP'S BED! I USED TO HIDE CIGARETTES THERE! IT'LL BE PERFECT!



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

CAN YOU SEE IT, STAN?

YEAH-LOOKS LIKE A '49 CHEVY! WE'D BETTER CALL THIS IN RIGHT AWAY!



WE JUST GOT A CRASH REPORT FROM PATROL CAR NUMBER FOUR, JIM! THEY AREN'T SURE IT'S ACCIDENTAL, AND WANT SOMEBODY TO COME OUT! THE DRIVER'S DEAD!

THURSBY'S OUR ONLY TRAINED CRIMINOLOGIST AND HE PICKS THIS WEEK FOR HIS VACATION! MAYBE WE'D BETTER CALL IN A SPECIALIST! I KNOW-I'LL GIVE 'LOOVER A CALL!



THAT WAS THE TEMPORARY POLICE CHIEF OF HANSEN COUNTY, C.B.! THEY'RE IN A JAM BECAUSE THEIR ONLY TRAINED MAN'S AWAY, AND THEY THINK THEY'VE GOT A MURDER ON THEIR HANDS! WANT TO HAVE A CRACK AT IT?

HANSEN COUNTY? I COULD BE THERE IN A FEW HOURS! OKAY, LOOVER, I'LL START RIGHT AWAY!

THERE WERE TWO THINGS THAT MADE US SUSPICIOUS! HIS IGNITION WAS TURNED OFF, AND HIS RECEIPTS, OVER FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, WERE MISSING!

THAT WAS OFF HIS ROUTE, TOO! C'MON, LET'S GO TALK TO HIS BOSS! I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING THAT NIGHT!

LEMMIE SEE...YEAH! HE HAD A DATE WITH SUE MORGAN OVER AT MORGAN'S LUNCH-ROOM! HE TOLD ME, BECAUSE HE'D BEEN TRYIN' TO DATE HER UP FOR OVER A YEAR!

I KNOW HER, CRIME-BUSTER!

GOOD! LET'S GO SEE HER!

WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS, MISS MORGAN! YOU HAD A DATE WITH MIKE CONNOR LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?

OH... YEAH... BUT I HAD TO BREAK IT! M...MY POP WAS SICK AND I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!

DID YOU PHONE HIM?

N..NO! HE CAME HERE ABOUT 6:15, AND I T...TOLD HIM THEN! HE LEFT, AND THAT'S ALL I KNOW! H...HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?

IS THAT RIGHT, SON?

SURE, IT'S RIGHT! SUE DON'T LIE!

WELL, THAT DIDN'T GET US VERY FAR!

MAYBE...LET'S GO TALK TO HER FATHER! THOSE KIDS WERE PRETTY JUMPY! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THEY'RE CONCEALING SOMETHING!

THEY SUSPECT SOMETHING, JACK! YOU'D BETTER GO TELL POP TO SAY HE WAS SICK LAST NIGHT! HE'S AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

YEAH, I'LL GO RIGHT NOW!

OH, OH... A COP! I'D BETTER PULL OVER!

GEE, I'M SORRY, DAVE! I HAD TO GET SOMETHING FOR MR. MORGAN, AND I DIDN'T NOTICE HOW FAST I WAS GOING!

I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME, JACK, BUT TAKE IT EASY! A GUY WAS KILLED OUT ON THIS ROAD YESTERDAY!

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE? NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO SUE, HAS IT?

NO, BUT SOMETHING WILL, UNLESS YOU DO WHAT WE SAY! SHE'S IN BAD TROUBLE! COME HERE, WHERE WE WON'T BE OVERHEARD!

IF THE COPS ASK YOU ABOUT LAST NIGHT, YOU WERE SICK IN BED WITH STOMACH CRAMPS! GET ME?

YEAH, I GET YOU!

I CAN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO SUE! I'D BETTER TALK TO HER RIGHT AWAY!

LET'S LOOK FOR MORGAN, STAN! I WANT TO HEAR HIS STORY BEFORE HE GETS A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIS DAUGHTER!

OKAY, C.B.! HE OUGHT TO BE... HEY! THERE HE GOES NOW!

HEY, MR. MORGAN! MR. MORGAN!

NOTHING IMPORTANT, MR. MORGAN! JUST WONDERED HOW YOU WERE FEELING!

FEELING? WHY, I'M...UH...MUCH BETTER, THANKS! I HAD SOME PRETTY BAD... UH...STOMACH CRAMPS LAST NIGHT, BUT I'M OKAY NOW!

I STILL DON'T LIKE IT! FROM WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT HIM, HE COULDN'T BE IN ON ANYTHING DISHONEST, BUT I'D SWEAR HE WAS LYING! DO YOU SUPPOSE THOSE KIDS HAD A CHANCE TO TIP HIM OFF?

THEY COULDN'T HAVE! WE LEFT JACK AND SUE AT THE LUNCHROOM, AND HE HASN'T BEEN BACK THERE SINCE WE SAW THEM!

JACK WAS IN TOWN! I PICKED HIM UP FOR SPEEDING!

HE WAS HEADING THIS WAY AT EIGHTY MILES PER!

HE MUST'VE BEEN COMING IN TO TELL MORGAN TO COVER FOR HIS DAUGHTER! THAT COULD'VE BEEN...C/MON, STAN, WE'VE GOT TO TALK TO THE OLD MAN AGAIN!

DON'T LIE TO ME! WHAT'RE YOU TWO TRYIN' TO COVER UP? YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT KID'S MURDER, DID YOU?

MURDER? YOU DIDN'T TELL ME...

SHUT UP, SUE!

LEAVE MY DAUGHTER ALONE, YOU SCUM! SO YOU DID KILL THAT BOY! WHERE'S THE MONEY? TELL ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! WE GOT NO MONEY!

THERE'S NO USE LYING ANY MORE, JACK! IT'S UNDER A BOARD BELOW YOUR BED, PA!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? CROSSIN' ME?

AT LEAST IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN THE MONEY! MAYBE THAT'LL HELP A LITTLE!

YOU AIN'T GIVIN' THAT MONEY BACK! NOT AFTER WHAT I WENT THROUGH TO GET IT! GIVE IT HERE!

WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH? THAT'S A LAUGH! THIS MONEY'S GOING BACK AND I'M TURNIN' YOU BOTH OVER TO THE POLICE!

PA! YOU DON'T MEAN...



YOU LOUSY CROOK! YOU GOT MY DAUGHTER INTO THIS, AND YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!

I CAN'T GO TO JAIL! I CAN'T! WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE!



STOP HITTING ME, STOP!

GO ON AND WHINE, YOU CHEAP COWARD! I'LL... UGH!

SORRY, PA, BUT I GOTTA DO IT! I'M NOT GOIN' TO JAIL!



OH, POP—POP—WHAT AM I DOIN' TO YOU?

THANKS, KID! C'MON, WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! YAAE! THE COPS ARE OUTSIDE!



HURRY UP! THEY'LL BE HERE IN A SECOND! TELL 'EM HE HAD A RELAPSE FROM HIS ILLNESS! SHOW 'EM IF YOU HAVE TO!

OKAY, HONEY!



WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER, MISS MORGAN!

I'M SORRY, BUT HE GOT SICK AGAIN, AND HE'S JUST GONE TO SLEEP! CAN'T YOU MAKE IT LATER?

WE'D LIKE TO SEE FOR OURSELVES, SUE! I'M SORRY!



HE'S SICK, ALL RIGHT! WHAT DO YOU THINK, CRIME-BUSTER?

LISTEN, MISS MORGAN, THIS IS IMPORTANT! WE WANT TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER AS SOON AS HE'S AWAKE! CALL US AT HEADQUARTERS!

YES, OF COURSE...



I DON'T GET IT, CRIMEBUSTER! I'M MORE SURE THAN EVER THAT THOSE KIDS ARE LYING! WHY ARE WE GOING TO HEAD-QUARTERS?

WE'RE NOT! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THEY'LL MAKE A BREAK, AND WE'RE GONNA WAIT BEHIND THAT HOUSE!



HURRY UP, HONEY! HE'LL COME TO ANY MINUTE!

THERE THEY COME, CRIME-BUSTER!

TAKE CARE OF THE OLD MAN, STAN! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!



IF THE SIREN DOESN'T STOP THEM, I'LL HAVE TO FIRE A WARNING SHOT! THEY'LL GET KILLED IF THEY GO ON THIS WAY!

WE CAN'T GET AWAY! HIS CAR'S FASTER! STOP, HONEY!

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN, AND WE'LL MAKE IT! THE STATE LINE'S ONLY A HALF MILE AWAY! HE CAN'T FOLLOW US ACROSS IT!

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I'D BETTER RADIO AHEAD FOR A ROAD-BLOCK BEFORE THAT CRAZY FOOL KILLS THEM BOTH!

THE STATE LINE! WE'RE SAFE NOW!

JACK! LOOK! A ROAD-BLOCK!

WEL, COME YOU FUNNY MAN!

JACK! JACK! YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH!

WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH! IT'S JAIL FOR BOTH OF US UNLESS WE GET AWAY! HOLD ON!

STATE ROAD BLOCK

YOU WERE RIGHT, PA... RIGHT ALL... ALONG!

OH, SUE! SUE! THEY WILL BOTH LIVE, C.B.!

I'M AFRAID THEY'LL FACE PRETTY STIFF SENTENCES, THOUGH, WHEN THEY'RE WELL ENOUGH TO STAND TRIAL!

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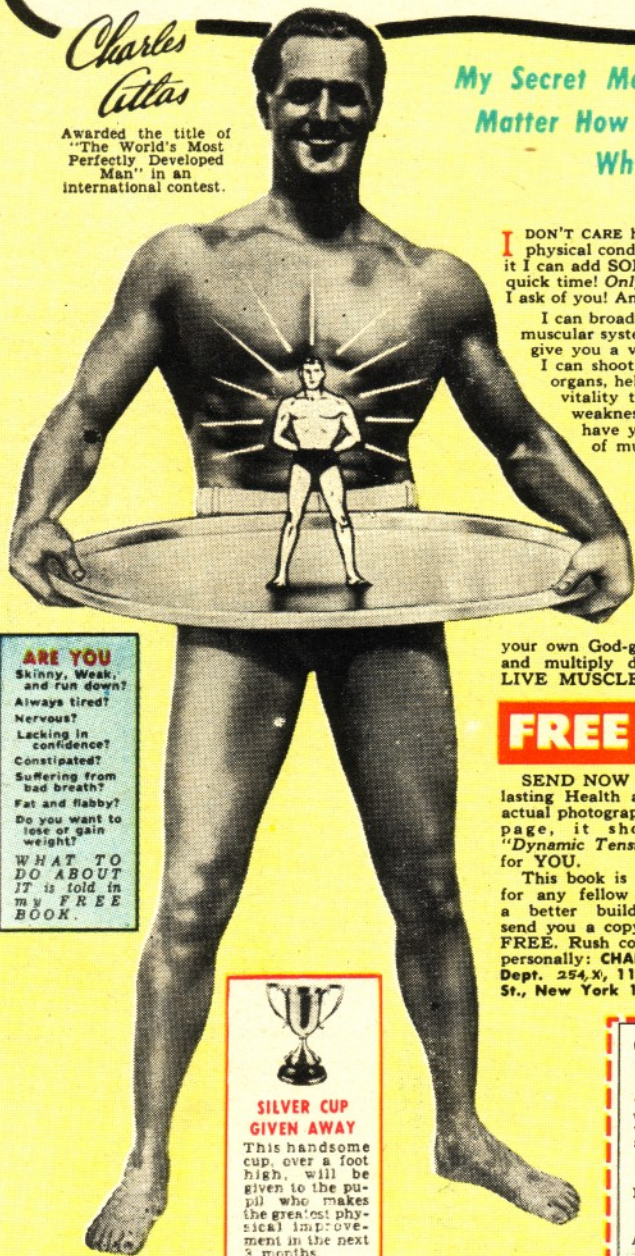
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